Revival of sick public sector units

†344. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to constitute 'Industrial Reconstruction Board' for the revival of sick and defunct industrial units in the public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to constitute a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises. The details of the Board will be notified as soon as these are finalized which is expected to be done shortly.

Package for loss making PSUs

345. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state!

(a) whether it is a fact that a bail-out package has been worked out for the revival of some of the loss making Public Sector Undertakigns which were earlier approved for closure and/or disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the companies identified, the criteria evolved for choice of the PSUs and the strategy worked out for their revival; and

(c) the list of other PSUs which have been lined up for final closure and the action plan drawn up therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Proposals relating to sanction of bail-out revival packages for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are processed by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments en case to case basis from time to time. However, such information is not maintained Centrally.

As announced in the Budget Speech of 2004, a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) which will advise the Government on the measures to be taken to restructure PSEs, including cases where disinvestment or closure or sale are justified, is under the process of

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constitution. After its operationalisatiorv, the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments will submit the proposals relating to restructuring/ revival/closure of CPSEs, as the case may be, to the Board for advice and based on such advice, the decision of the Government will be sought by these Ministries/Departments.

Development and expansion of technical education

†346. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for the development and expansion of technical education in view of the increasing unemployment in the country;

(b) the amount allocated for expansion of technical education during 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the number of unemployed youths benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI); (a) to (c) Development and expansion of technical education is an ongoing process. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been established under an Act of Parliament for proper planning and coordinated development of the technical education system throughout the country. The AICTE grants approval for starting new technical institutions, introduction of new courses and increase in students' intake. There has been a continuous growth in the number of technical institutions and according to AICTE, there are 1346 Engineering and Technology Degree Institutions with intake of about 4.40 lakhs and 1244 Diploma Institutions with intake of about 2.65 lakhs as on 10.8.2004. Budgetary support during 2003-04 and 2004-05 for Technical Education Sector is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	2003-04 (Sanctioned)	2004-05 (Allocation)
Plan Non-	625.07	750.00
Plan	774.51	844.90
Total	1399.58	1594.90

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